

at least one hollow column positioned within said vapor chamber and sealingly bonded to at least one of said first and second plates, having an open first end that opens through said first plate and an open second end that opens through said second plate so as to form at least one mounting hole that is isolated from said vapor chamber.

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~~121~~ (Amended) A heat pipe for spreading heat comprising:
a first plate having a circumferential edge lip bounding an inner surface and at least one depression which projects outwardly relative to said inner surface;
a second plate arranged in spaced apart confronting relation to said first plate and including a circumferential edge lip bounding an inner surface and at least one opening through said second plate, said edge lips of said first and second plates being bonded together so as to define a vapor chamber; wherein
said at least one depression has an open ended tubular cross-section and an outer surface, a portion of which outer surface is bonded to said second plate so as to coaxially align said at least one depression with said at least one opening in said second plate thereby to form a mounting hole that extends through said first plate depression and said second plate and is isolated from said vapor chamber.